# A Community in Balance With Its Environment City of HOBARI The Friendly City

# <u>Important Events in Hobart's Development</u>

- **1845** George Earl (city founder) constructed a dam just north of where Turkey Creek and Deep River meet to create Lake George
- 1847 George Earl finished construction of a five story grist mill near the dam. This is also the year Hobart recognizes as its founding
- **1849** George Earl recorded the plat for a new town named after his brother Fredrick "Hobart" Earl
- **1889** Hobart incorporated as a town
- **1921** Hobart formed into a city government
- 1953 Grist Mill (Hobart icon) burned down
- **1968** I-65 Constructed
- 1987 Lakefront Phase I completed (Festival Park)
- **1988** Annexation to the North (5 sq miles)
- 1974 South Lake/Westfield Mall constructed
- 1991 Lakefront Phase II Completed
- 1992 Annexed portions of Ross Township (15 sq miles)
- 1994 Tax abatement program implemented





# Over 165 Years of Hobart's Natural, Built, and Social Environment

## 2000 Lake George dredging - 600 thousand cubic feet of sedimentation removed.

<u>Lakefront Redevelopment Phase II</u>



Northwest view of downtown from corner of 3rd Street and Main Street.





East view of downtown from 3rd Street bridge.

2001 Watershed Plan developed (Turkey Creek - Deep River)

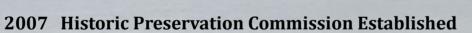
2003 Comprehensive Plan updated

2005 Oak Savanna Trail completed

2006 Lakefront Phase III, City Hall portion







2008 TIF district expanded to include downtown

2009 Façade Improvement Program Initiated

**2011 Riverfront District Declaration** 

**2013 National Registration Nomination** 



515 E. 3rd Street



337 Main Street



214 Main Street



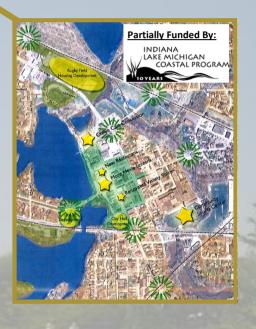
**2010 New Community Center** 

2011 Police, Court Complex & Senior Center

2012Dam Reconstructed

2012 Downtown Master Plan





# **Yearly Events:**

Valentine's Dance

**Summer Concerts at Revelli Band Shell** 

<u>Summer Market on the Lake</u>

**Jaycee Fest** 

4th of July Parade & Fireworks

Brickyard 5 Mi Run

St. Bridget Festival

**Dam Duck Race** 

**Lakefront Festival** 

Clock Tower Boat Races

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

# **BACK GROUND:**

Created as wetland mitigation mandated project from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the Little Calumet Flood control project.

# **IMPACTS**

Recharge shallow aquifer; eliminate chemical loading; reducing runoff to Turkey Creek, Lake George, Deep River and the Little Calumet River.

# **OBJECTIVE:**

355 Acres of surface hydrology and native plant restoration resulting in a variety of wetland communities.

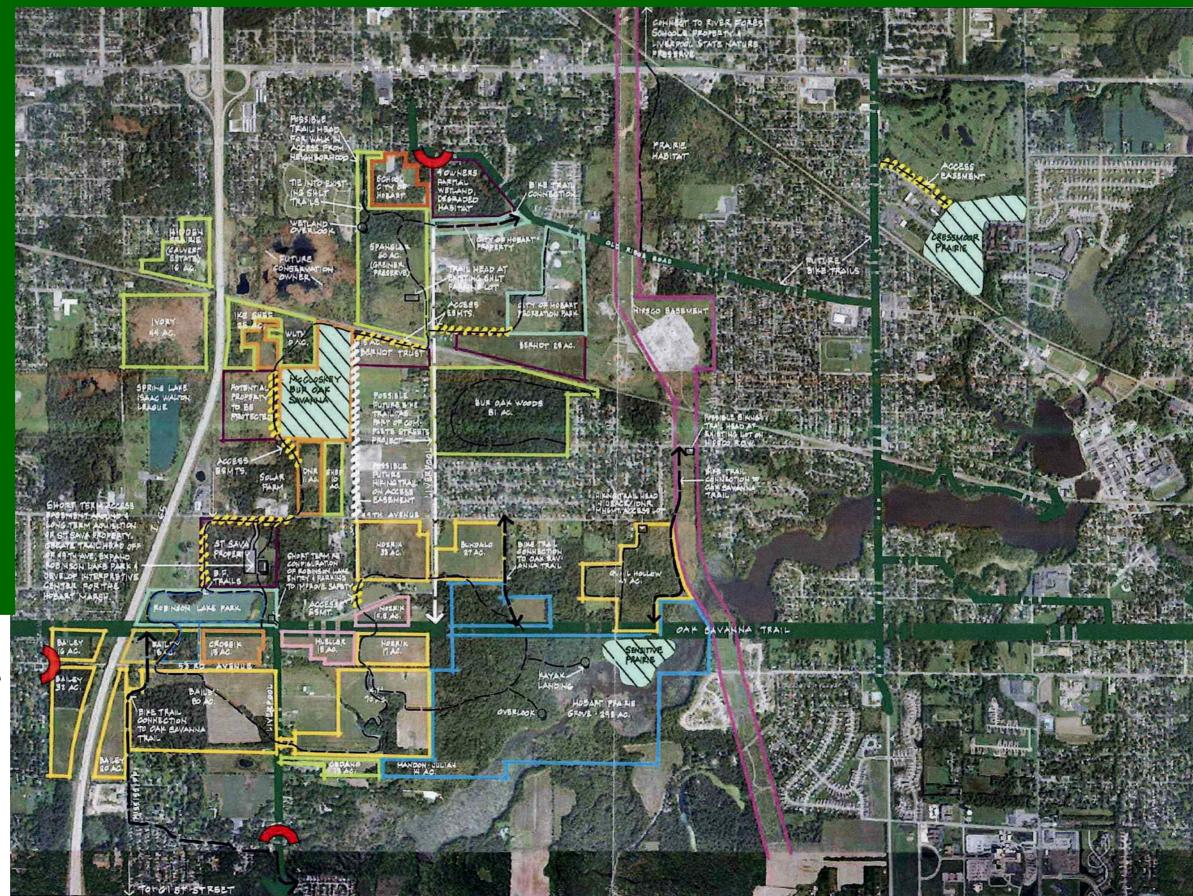
Passive recreational experience; Natural habitat corridors; Neighborhood connectivity; Eco-tourism opportunity.

# **PARTNERSHIPS:**

Collaboration of federal, state, county, local, school, and non-government agency partnerships.

### Partially Funded By: Legend INDIANA LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL PROGRAM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Heinz Land Trust Save the Dunes Indiana Dept. of City of Hobart Natural Resources National Park Service School City of Northern Indiana Lake County Parks Public Service

# **2012 Hobart Marsh Plan**



# **2008 City Hall Parking Lot**

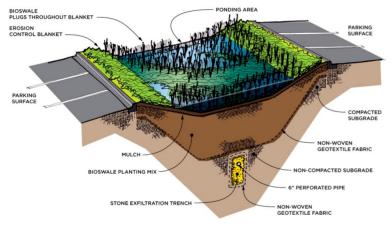
# **2013 Hobart Roundabout**

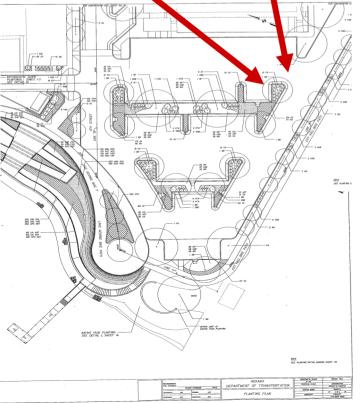
# **ADVANTAGES**

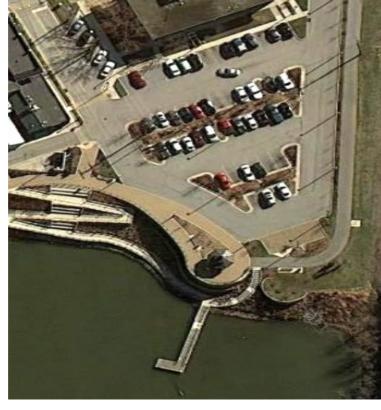
- Partially treat water quality
- Attenuate flooding potential
- Conserve biodiversity
- Less costly than traditional
- Aesthetic appeal





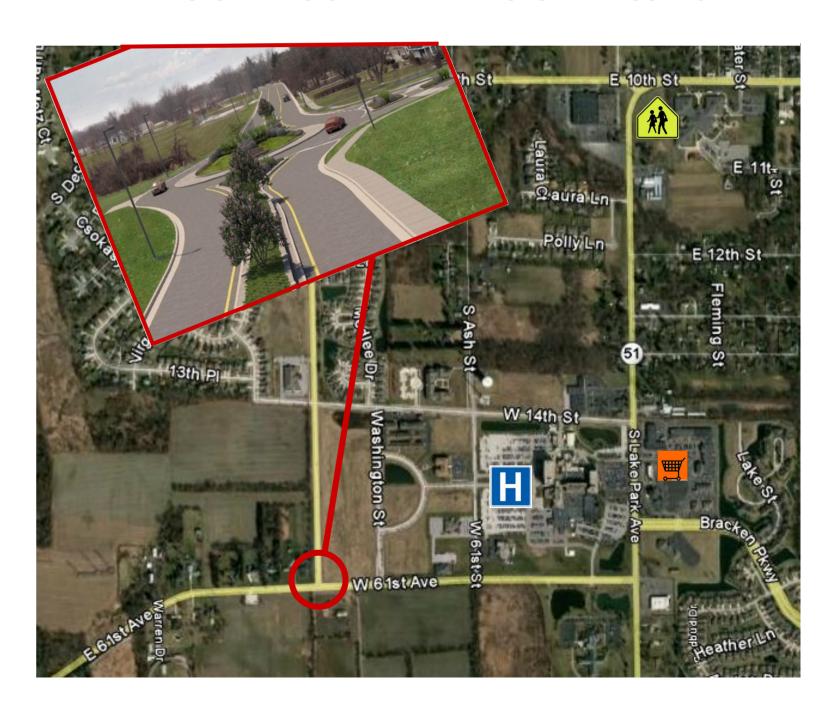






# **ADVANTAGES**

- Minimize traffic collisions due to fewer conflict points
- Increase traffic flow by eliminating stacking
- Reduced pollution and fuel consumption by eliminating stops and idling
- Traffic calming by reducing speed and increasing right-of-way yield practices





http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/

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The purpose of the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program (LMCP) is to enhance the State's role in planning for and managing natural and cultural resources in the coastal region and to support partnerships between federal, state and local government agencies and organizations. The LMCP relies upon existing laws and programs as the basis for achieving its purpose.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is the lead agency to implement the LMCP. Within the DNR, the LMCP is located within the Division of Nature Preserves.

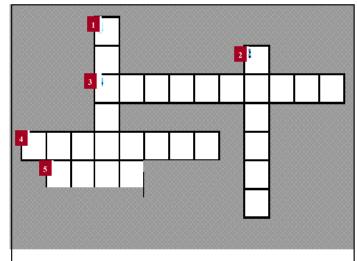
Indiana's Coastal Program is achieved from a cooperative partnership with the federal Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP), through the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, and the Office of Coastal Resource Management.

The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 was enacted by Congress to create a voluntary partnership between federal, state, and local governments. The national program seeks to sustain coastal ecosystems, sustain coastal communities, and improve government efficiency.



### Cities and towns in the Coastal Program Area include:

| Whiting     | East Chicago    | Hammond     | Gary           | Highland      | Munster       |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dyer        | Schererville    | Griffith    | Crown Point    | Merrillville  | Lake Station  |
| New Chicago | Hobart          | Ogden Dunes | Dune Acres     | Burns Harbor  | Porter        |
| Portage     | Valparaiso      | Chesterton  | Beverly Shores | Town of Pines | Michigan City |
| Long Beach  | Michiana Shores | Trail Creek | Highland       | Winfield      |               |



### ACROSS -

- **3.** Name the body of water adjacent to City of **Hobart's Exclusive Lakefront Business** District. (2 words)
- 4. Hobart's Lakefront Business District is also known as their \_\_\_\_\_.
- **5.** What is the acronym of the agency which enhances the state's role in planning for and managing natural and cultural resources to the coastal region and supports partnerships between federal, state and local governments?

### DOWN -

- **1**. Hobart is "A Community in \_\_\_\_\_ With Its Environment".
- 2. Which Northwest Indiana municipality cites its founding in 1847?

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| Balance     | Community   | Downtown    |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Economic    | Environment | Grants      |
| Historic    | Hobart      | Indiana     |
| Lake George | Leadership  | LMCP        |
| Region      | Social      | Sustainable |
|             |             |             |